

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 14, 15, 17, and 20-23 are pending in the present application; Claim 1 having been amended; Claims 4-7, 10-13, 16, 18, and 19 have been canceled; and Claim 23 having been added by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, each of the claims was rejected as being unpatentable over Heuberger et al. (U.S. 5,147,062) either alone or in combination with other patents. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to generally correspond to the embodiment of Figures 7A, 7B, and 7C. The last paragraph of Claim 1 now recites:

wherein sides of the toner container consist of a first, a second, a third, and a fourth pair of opposing sidewall faces, the first pair of sidewall faces not being parallel to each other, the second pair of sidewall faces not being parallel to each other, the third pair of sidewall faces not being parallel to each other, and the fourth pair of sidewall faces not being parallel to each other.

Thus, the sides of the container are limited to eight sides which consist of four pairs. Because of the use of the word “consisting,” the eight recited sides in the four pairs of opposing sidewall faces are the only faces of the side of the container.

Contrary to the claimed construction, the sides of Heuberger et al. do not consist of four pairs of opposing sidewall faces, with each of said pairs of opposing sidewall faces not being parallel to each other. While the sides of Heuberger et al. in Figure 5 may consist of four pairs of opposing sidewall faces, two of those pairs are in fact parallel to each other. Thus, independent Claim 1 is not anticipated by Heuberger et al.

It would not have been obvious to modify Heuberger et al. to have side which are not parallel to each other as the construction of the Figure 5 embodiment of Heuberger et al. does not lend itself to having four pairs of opposing sides which are not parallel to each other.

Accordingly, Claim 1 and each of the claims depending therefrom is patentable over Heuberger et al. and each of the prior art rejections is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

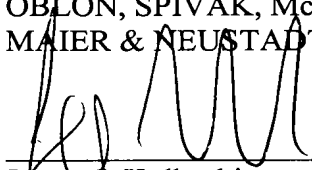
Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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